## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser, comprising:
- a substrate etched into a mesa structure;
- an active layer formed directly on the mesa structure and being a core of a waveguide;
  - a first clad layer formed on the active layer;
- a current blocking layer formed on the etched substrate in both sides of the mesa structure:
  - an etch-stop layer formed on the first clad layer and the current blocking layer;
- a second clad layer formed on the etch-stop layer being located on an upper portion of the mesa structure, with a predetermined width;
  - an ohmic contact layer formed on the second clad layer;
  - a first electrode contacted with the ohmic contact layer; and
  - a second electrode formed on a bottom side of the substrate,
- wherein the current blocking layer may be formed by a first p type, an n type, and a second p type semiconductor layers.
  - 2. (Canceled).
- 3. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor laser as claimed in Claim  $\frac{2}{1}$ , wherein the second p type semiconductor layer is formed with a thickness of 0.2  $\mu$ m or less.
- 4. (Original) The semiconductor laser as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the second clad layer may be a p type semiconductor layer.
- 5. (Original) The semiconductor laser as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a layer for planarization in both sides of the second clad layer and the ohmic contact layer.
  - 6-9. (Cancelled)

- 10. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor laser, comprising:
- a substrate etched into a mesa structure;
- an active layer formed on the mesa structure and being a core of a waveguide;
- a first clad layer formed on the active layer;
- a current blocking layer formed on the etched substrate in both sides of the mesa structure;
  - an etch-stop layer formed on the first clad layer and the current blocking layer;
- a second clad layer formed on the etch-stop layer being located on an upper portion of the mesa structure, with a predetermined width;
  - an ohmic contact layer formed on the second clad layer;
  - a first electrode contacted with the ohmic contact layer; and
  - a second electrode formed on a bottom side of the substrate;
- wherein the current blocking layer may be formed by a first p type, an n type, and a second p type semiconductor layers, and
- wherein the second p type semiconductor layer is formed with a thickness thinner than that of the first p type semiconductor layer.
  - 11. (Cancelled)
- 12. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor laser as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the second clad layer may be a p type semiconductor layer.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor laser as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising a layer for planarization in both sides of the second clad layer and the ohmic contact layer.
  - 14. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor laser, comprising:
  - a substrate etched into a mesa structure;
  - an active layer formed on the mesa structure and being a core of a waveguide;
  - a first clad layer formed on the active layer;
- a current blocking layer formed on the etched substrate in both sides of the mesa structure;
  - an etch-stop layer formed on the first clad layer and the current blocking layer;

a second clad layer formed on the etch-stop layer being located on an upper portion of the mesa structure, with a predetermined width;

an ohmic contact layer formed on the second clad layer;

a first electrode contacted with the ohmic contact layer; and

a second electrode formed on a bottom side of the substrate;

wherein the current blocking layer may be formed by a first p type, an n type, and a second p type semiconductor layers;

wherein the second p type semiconductor layer is formed with a thickness thinner than that of the first p type semiconductor layer; and

wherein the second p type semiconductor layer is formed with a thickness of 0.2  $\mu$ m or less.

- 15. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor laser as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the second clad layer may be a p type semiconductor layer.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor laser as claimed in Claim 14, further comprising a layer for planarization in both sides of the second clad layer and the ohmic contact layer.